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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Spread of Rabies
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a threat of spread of rabies among the animals in the Zoos of the country;
(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps to take necessary steps to keep a check on this threat; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) No Sir. However, report has been received from the National Zoological Park, New Delhi about death of Spotted deer due to Rabies.

(b) and (c)The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 mentions under para 5 of schedule under Rule 10 the measures to be taken by the zoos regarding upkeep and healthcare of animals. The Central Zoo Authority in association with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar has published a manual on 'Standards, Guidelines and Protocol on Disease Diagnosis and Cure of Wild Animals in Indian Zoos' wherein measures to be taken by a zoo in case of rabies in a zoo has been mentioned along with other diseases. Moreover, the Central Zoo Authority has signed an Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar and the IVRI has been identified as National Referral Centre for Indian zoos which provides technical guidance and help to the Indian zoos.

In the case of the National Zoological Park, Delhi the scientists of the IVRI are extending necessary technical guidance and help to the management of the National Zoological Park. Further, the Central Zoo Authority has signed an Memorandum of Understanding with the Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Washington D.C., USA and a team of technical personnel visited the National Zoological Park, Delhi and have suggested specific measures to the zoo authorities in the containment of rabies in the zoo.
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